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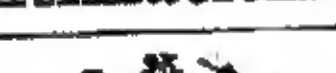
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T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
Office of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, February 28, 1884. 372

Intimations.



NOTICE.

IT is hereby notified to the Public that the MILITARY AUTHORITIES are about to lay a MINIE FIELD on the Hongkong side of the LY-BE-MUN PASS, for the purpose of making experiments. The Field will be marked by Two Buoys moored in the Channel of the Pass; and to prevent fouling the Mine Cases and MORTARS, Masters of Vessels navigating the Channel are cautioned to keep on the North-East or Chinese side of the said Buoys.
GUARD BOATS will be stationed to warn Shipmasters provided to bring the Mines.
H. G. THOMSETT, Harbour Master, &c.
HARBOUR DEPARTMENT, Hongkong, February 6, 1884. 242

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H. G. THOMSETT, May 1, 1883. 256

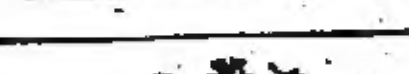
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE FOURTH AND FINAL CALL of £10 Sterling per SHARE on the 20,000 SHARES, NEW ISSUE of this CORPORATION, will fall due on the 31st DECEMBER CURRENT, in London, Calcutta, Bombay, Shanghai and Hongkong.
REGISTERED (SHAREHOLDERS) entitled to NEW SHARES, are requested to Pay, at the respective OFFICES, the above Call or its equivalent in the Currency of the above mentioned places.
PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATES are being issued in Exchange for the First Call Receipts, which are to be surrendered to the Bank.
HOLDERS of PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATES, when paying this Call, will please send same to this Office to be endorsed.
The Rate of Exchange for Hongkong is fixed at 3/- 6d. or 363.63 per Share.
INTEREST at the Rate of 7 1/2 per ANNUM will be charged on Calls unpaid on the 31st DECEMBER.
By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, December 13, 1883. 1121

SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, BOOKS, or PAPERS will be thankfully received at the SAILOR'S HOME, West Point.
Hongkong, July 26, 1878.

Intimations.



NOTICE.

IT is hereby notified to the Public, that STATION PRACTICE will be carried on, on the 20th INSTANT, at about 10.30 a.m., from the 7th GUNS mounted at North Point, Hongkong.
SIX ROUNDS of Double Case will be fired.
H. G. THOMSETT, Harbour Master, &c.
HARBOUR DEPARTMENT, Hongkong, February 27, 1884. 392

NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held on FRIDAY, the 29th INSTANT, at 3.30 p.m., at the CITY HALL.
By Order,
E. GEORGE, Secretary.
Hongkong, February 19, 1884. 318

FOR CANTON.

THE WELL-KNOWN GERMAN STEAMER "CHINA" will run between this and Canton as a NIGHT-BOAT, leaving HONGKONG and Canton, respectively, every other day at 5.30 p.m., beginning on SUNDAY, the 2nd of March. Special Conditions are granted to large Shippers.
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THE AGENTS:
Messrs. ARNHOLD, KARBBERG & Co., Canton;
Messrs. HING LEE & Co., Hongkong;
or to
CAPTAIN on Board.
Hongkong, February 27, 1884. 360

HONGKONG ENGINEERS' INSTITUTE.

General MEETING of MEMBERS of the above will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 5th MARCH, at the INSTITUTE Rooms, at 8.15 p.m.
JAMES K. REDBECK, Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, February 21, 1884. 329

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONDS FOR THE YEAR 1883.

CONTRIBUTORS to the above Office are requested to furnish the Underwritten with a LIST of CONTRIBUTIONS for the year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1883, in Order that the DISTRIBUTION of BONUS may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 20th MARCH NEXT will be adjusted by the OFFICE, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents,
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.
Hongkong, February 20, 1884. 385

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Applications from China will be received up to the 20th of February, 1884.
Singapore, 8th December, 1883. 183

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

QUARANTINE IN EUROPE.

PASSENGERS and SHIPPERS by the above Company's Steamers are informed that QUARANTINE ENFORCEMENTS have been reduced at MARSEILLES to 24 hours, and at VENICE to 3 days, performed on board the Steamer at both ports.
QUARANTINE will probably be removed from all ports by the time Steamers now leaving CHINA will arrive in the MEDITERRANEAN.
PASSENGERS by the Company's Steamers have always the option of continuing the journey on to LONDON, on payment of the difference of fare.
A. McIVER, Superintendent.
Hongkong, January 20, 1884. 149

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Hongkong, February 16, 1884. 300

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VICTORIA EXCHANGE, Hongkong, February 26, 1884. 355

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of 4%, being \$5 per SHARE, for the Six Months ending 31st DECEMBER, 1883, declared at To-day's Ordinary Meeting, will be Payable at the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on and after THURSDAY NEXT, the 28th INSTANT, and Shareholders are requested to apply for DIVIDEND WARRANTS at the Company's Office, No. 14, PRINCE CENTRAL, Hongkong.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. GILLIES, Secretary.
Hongkong, February 26, 1884. 356

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a STATEMENT of BUSINESS contributed during the Half-Year ended December 31st, 1883, on or before March 31st next, on which date the Accounts will be Closed.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. GILLIES, Secretary.
Hongkong, February 26, 1884. 357

ROBT. SIM & Co.'s PATENT ANTI-FOULING COMPOSITION, as supplied to Her Majesty's Ship, The P. & O. S. N. Co.; The Douglas Steamship Company; The Japanese Government.

Sole Agent, China, Japan, and Manila, EDWARD GEORGE.
Hongkong, January 31, 1884. 188

HOP SHING & Co., ENGINEERS, BOILER MAKERS, COPPER SMITHS, BRASS & IRON FOUNDERS, &c., WEST POINT IRON WORKS.

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24th September, 1883. 611

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Hongkong, February 1, 1884.

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LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, January 15, 1883. 115

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Hongkong, December 20, 1883. 1177

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Hongkong, January 23, 1884. 143

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Hongkong, June 18, 1883. 1270

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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

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COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamships *Gange* and *Euphrate*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables—are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded, unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 4 p.m. To-day, the 26th INSTANT, requesting it to be landed here. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after TUESDAY, the 4th MARCH, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges at 1 cent per package per diem.

All Claims must be sent in to me before the 7th MARCH or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

I. MARTIN, Acting Agent.
Hongkong, February 26, 1884. 354

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. "KUMAMOTO MARU," FROM KOBE AND NAGASAKI.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after MONDAY, the 25th INSTANT, will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
E. J. H. TRIPP, Agent.
Mitsui Bishi Mail S. S. Co.
Hongkong, February 23, 1884. 338

Auctions.

HORSE AND CARRIAGE AUCTION.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will hold an Auction of HORSES and CARRIAGES, ON FRIDAY,

the 29th INSTANT, at 4 o'clock p.m., at the FOOTPATH, opposite the CITY HALL.

Hongkong, February 27, 1884. 363

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SWATOW AND BANGKOK.

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Company's Steamer "Kong Beng," Captain R. JONES, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 29th INSTANT, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to YUEN FAT HONG, Agents.
Hongkong, February 26, 1884. 351

Sailing Vessels.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The S.S. L.L.I. American Ship "HYLER," Master, shortly due, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, January 20, 1884. 165

FOR VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The American Barque "Nellie May," Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, February 11, 1884. 261

Mails.



THE S.S. KUMAMOTO MARU, Capt. D. H. MURDOCH, due here on or about the 26th INSTANT, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 29th INSTANT, at 4 p.m.

Cargo received on board and parcels at the Office up to 1 p.m. of day of sailing.

No Bill of Lading signed under \$2 Freight.

All Claims must be settled on board before delivery is taken, otherwise they will not be recognised.

CARGO and PASSENGERS for Yokohama will be transhipped to the Shanghai Mail Steamer at Kobe.

For further Particulars, apply at the Company's OFFICES, PRINCE CENTRAL, Ground Floor of Messrs. RUSSELL & Co.

H. J. H. TRIPP, Agent.
Hongkong, February 21, 1884. 328

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MARSEILLES, MALTA, GIBRALTAR, BRINDISI, TRIESTE, VENICE, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON; ALSO, BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND AUSTRALIA.

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THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamer *GANGES*, Captain W. B. ANDREWS, with Her Majesty's Mail, will be despatched from this office for LONDON, via BOMBAY and SUEZ CANAL, on TUESDAY, the 4th MARCH, at 4 p.m.

Cargo will be received on board until 10 a.m. on the day of sailing.

Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office until 10 a.m. on the day of sailing.

Silk and Valuables for Europe will be transhipped at Colombo, Tea and General Cargo for London will be conveyed via Bombay without transhipment, arriving one week later than by the ordinary direct route via Colombo.

For further Particulars, regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

The Contents and Value of Packages are required to be declared prior to shipment.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Black Bill of Lading.

N.B.—This Steamer takes Cargo and Passengers for MARSEILLES.

A. McIVER, Superintendent.
Hongkong, February 21, 1884. 332

Mails.

U. S. MAIL LINE.

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Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

RETURN PASSAGES.—Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within six months, will be allowed a discount of 20% from Return Fare; if re-embarking within one year, an allowance of 10% will be made from Return Fare.

Return Passage Orders, available for one year, will be issued at a Discount of 25% from Return Fare. These allowances do not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. on the 3rd MARCH. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 50A, Queen's Road Central.

F. E. FOSTER, Agent.
Hongkong, February 21, 1884. 330

Insurances.

THE STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company are prepared to GRANT POLICIES on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World, at current rates.

ARNHOLD, KARBBERG & Co.
HONGKONG, November 6, 1883. 855

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

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Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

you during the present session will be the following:—

- (1) To regulate weights and measures.
- (2) To consolidate and amend the ordinances relating to opium.
- (3) To establish a savings bank.
- (4) To consolidate and amend the law relating to Stamp Duties.
- (5) To provide for the Registration of Medical Practitioners.
- (6) To regulate Prisons and Prison Discipline.
- (7) To amend the Dangerous Goods Ordinance, 1873.
- (8) To amend the Preservation of Birds Ordinance, 1870.
- (9) To amend certain Ordinances relating to Criminal Procedure.
- (10) To amend the law relating to the Punishment of criminals.
- (11) To amend the Bankruptcy Ordinance, 1874.
- (12) To regulate the Post Office and Postal Service.
- (13) To amend Ordinance No. 10 of 1877.
- (14) To provide for the more effective protection of Chinese and European children.

10. The report of the Commission on Sanitation, and an able and exhaustive memorandum by Mr. Justice Russell on the so-called Blockade of Hongkong by Chinese Revenue Cruisers are recommended to your attention. I have discussed this important question with the present British Minister at Peking, who, I am confident, lend his aid towards carrying out an equitable settlement.

11. Turning to the vital subject of the Public Health, I am glad to inform you that the recent organisation of a Government Sanitary Board, under Ordinance No. 7 of 1883, and the promulgation of new Rules and Regulations under that Ordinance, together with the introduction of improved contrivances for the removal and disposal of waste products, have been followed by a marked improvement in the public health of the Colony. Much, however, remains to be done, both in respect of legislation and of structural sanitary work; but I am confident that the necessary reforms and improvements will in due course be effected by the Board, and that the efforts of this branch of the Public Service have been successful, and by the cheerful acquiescence of all classes of our population in such measures and restrictions for the safety of the Public Health as may, with your assistance, become law. In this connection, Bills are in course of preparation to amend and consolidate the laws relating to the Public Health; to amend the Building Ordinance No. 8 of 1866; to regulate the Water supply, and to prevent waste. Owing, however, to the large and comprehensive nature of these Bills, no less than to the probable necessity of referring certain technical points to scientific authorities in England, it is possible that there may not be time for their final consideration during the present session. In this event, they will form the subject of your first deliberations in the next session. In the meantime, however, the carrying out of such works as were deemed of immediate importance to the Public Health has been sanctioned. These works, whether in progress or in course of immediate initiation, include, among others, the reclamation of unhealthy tidal lands at Yau-ma-tei and Causeway Bay; Extensions and improvements of the existing system of sewers in the city; the construction of new Central Market; the erection of a permanent Lazaretto on Stone Outcrop Island; the systematic draining of the noxious foreland along the Praya by means of steam machinery; and the general sanitation of the villages in the Colony.

12. In connection with Sanitary Reform, the serious question of increased housing accommodation for the population of Victoria is now engaging the attention of my Government. While every succeeding census has revealed a great increase in the population, there has not been a corresponding increase in the number of human habitations. Overcrowding in its worst form has consequently been the result; and the prevention of this evil will be dealt with in the proposed new Public Health Bill. In Hongkong, as in the remedy is to be found chiefly in increased housing accommodation for the labouring classes; it will be necessary to expand the City in a westerly direction as well as towards the East; and to create fresh building sites available for new townships. Estimates will, therefore, be presented to you for certain additional works of reclamation; for the formation of new suburbs, and for the laying out of new streets in the Districts of Belcher's Bay and Causeway Bay.

13. As the hitherto existing system by which purchasers of Crown lands have been able to evade their building obligations has led to a considerable area of land in and near the City remaining vacant, it has been given thought in the future, no purchaser of Crown land shall receive his lease until he shall have complied with the Conditions of the Sale, and expended the specified sum upon proper tenements. Moreover, in the villages of the Colony the system of leasehold land (known as *tenements*) whose tenures were terminable upon one month's notice, will be superseded by an improved system of small and inexpensive building leaseholds for seventy-five years. The inhabitants will thus gain the security for the investment of their money in suitable houses, which was altogether wanting under the present *tenements* system, by which they were liable to eviction upon one month's notice. These measures will, it is expected, tend to stimulate the further erection of proper dwellings, and to relieve the present overcrowded condition of several quarters of the City.

14. On sanitary and other grounds I have come to the conclusion that the drainage of the marshy land situated within the Race-Course in the Wong Nei Chung Valley is as much a work of necessity as the reclamation of Causeway Bay. A plan will, therefore, be laid before you for the drainage of these meadows and for their conversion into a Public Park.

15. Advertising to other important undertakings, I am glad to inform you that the Break-water at Causeway Bay, intended to form a harbour of refuge for the boats population during typhoons, has been satisfactorily completed within the amount originally estimated; that the Tatum Water-works are steadily progressing; as is also the extension of the Government Hospital, together with the new Lunatic Asylum; and that the erection of the new Central School will be commenced forthwith. The new Meteorological Observatory has been finished; and will, it is expected, prove of practical value to the maritime interests of commerce.

16. I have pressed on the Imperial Government the importance of Sanitary and other grounds, of the recently sanctioned improvement, the connection of the Eastern and Western portions of Victoria, by means of a continuous marine embankment along the sea-frontage of the Military Cantonment and the Royal Naval Yard. It is to be able ere long to announce a favourable decision.

17. With regard to the vital question of Public Instruction, the Report of the Inspector of Schools for 1883 will be laid before you. I have myself visited on several

occasions, among the other Public Establishments, the Chief Educational Institutions in this Island. Their condition is generally satisfactory. The new Central School, or Victoria College, in much needed, and will provide accommodation for at least seven hundred students.

18. In connection with this subject, the Government proposes, with your concurrence to follow the precedent of other Colonies by sending, in alternate years, in accordance with Regulations which will be submitted to you, two of the most promising students of our chief Colleges, namely, by competitive examination, to complete their professional education in England, especially in Law, Medicine, and Civil Engineering.

19. Those minor posts in the Public Service which are at the disposal of the Government, I have opened up by my personal examination, to enable their professional education in England, especially in Law, Medicine, and Civil Engineering.

20. A Report will be laid before you showing the considerable progress already made in the afforestation of this Colony. I have directed the introduction of several thousand plants of the Australian *Eucalyptus*, and a few which are valuable timber, and a few which are a marked sanitary influence, as experience in many tropical and semi-tropical countries has amply proved.

21. You will perceive from papers on the table that it has been necessary to procure a new supply of arms for the Police, and to equip a new company of the Victoria Volunteer Artillery; which body, it is hoped, will furnish a valuable addition to the numerical strength of the garrison.

22. I have represented to the Imperial Government in strong terms the necessity of completing the fortification of this Colony, by the construction of a new Military Station and Mart of Commerce. Without referring to the value of the other and manifold interests at stake, I may remind you that Official Statistics show that the tonnage of the shipping entered at the Port of Hongkong in 1883 exceeded five millions of tons; that is, it exceeded the tonnage of the shipping entered at the Port of London in 1843, the year in which Hongkong was annexed to the British Crown, at a value of \$19,386,687, from which a deduction will have to be made in consequence of the loss of the *Mess Yuen*, in which the Bank has a shipment of treasure.

23. I have now, Honorable gentlemen, referred to the principal subjects which will be submitted for your consideration during the present Session. I am confident that you should speak by their actions; and it is my confident hope that our united efforts will, by the blessing of Divine Providence, promote the general welfare and prosperity of all races and classes in this Colony.

The Governor then left the Council Chamber, the national anthem again being played.

The Colonial Secretary moved that a Committee consisting of himself, the Attorney General, Colonial Treasurer, the Hon. F. B. Johnson, and the Hon. F. B. Johnson, be appointed to draw up a reply to the Governor's address.

The Colonial Secretary then laid certain papers on the table.

On the motion of the Colonial Secretary the Council then adjourned until 5 p.m. to enable the reply to the address to be prepared.

The Council reassembled at 5 p.m., the Chief Justice presiding.

Mr. Ryrie in moving the reply to the address said that any one who had heard this address must be convinced that in His Excellency they had a Governor who had the best interests of the Colony at heart.

Mr. Ryrie seconded the motion in a few remarks. Our report of this hon. gentleman's remarks, as well as that of the speeches of the other members of the Council, must be left over until to-morrow.

The Hon. F. B. Johnson spoke on the address at considerable length. In the course of his remarks he referred to the refusal of the Roman Catholic priests to inter a highly respected member of the Roman Catholic community in the Roman Catholic cemetery, and said he would take an early opportunity of calling the attention of the Council to the subject and enquiring under what conditions the tenure of the Catholic burial ground was held.

The Colonial Treasurer also spoke on the motion.

The motion was carried after a verbal amendment had been made in the reply, and two members were appointed to present it to His Excellency to-morrow.

The Council then adjourned until to-morrow at 5 o'clock, when the jury list will be considered.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

The ordinary yearly meeting of the above Corporation was held in the City Hall this afternoon, when there were present:—Mr. A. P. MacEwen, (Chairman); the Hon. F. D. Sassoon, the Hon. F. B. Johnson, Messrs W. H. Forbes, H. L. Dalrymple, A. Giltzow, M. E. Sassoon, M. Grotte, A. Melver, the Hon. T. Jackson, (Chief Manager); G. E. Noble, John Thurburn, J. A. de Carvalho, D. A. dos Remedios, C. D. Bottomley, G. R. Johnston, H. R. Coombs, V. A. C. Hawkins, Sam. Hughes, R. M. Gray, L. A. de Rozario, J. T. Chater, J. Y. Vernon Vernon, Ed. George, H. N. Moyle, J. R. Anton, E. J. Hughes, C. P. Chater, P. Jordan, Thomsett, Stewart, J. H. Cox, Dr. Adams, V. C. Rocha, Erich George, R. Iyall, A. McDonough, the Hon. P. Ryrie, F. T. P. Foster, A. H. Chino, F. Henderson, W. K. Hughes, S. Hancock, G. Holmes, D. Anderson, and others.

The notice calling the meeting having been read.

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, I think I am justified in saying that I trust you will agree that considering during the past six months trade in the East, and more particularly the China Trade, has passed through a period of almost unprecedented stagnation, the report I have just read and the figures which I have submitted to you as highly satisfactory. You are aware that the profits for the half year would have been better had we not been defrauded of a considerable amount by a Swiss firm of waste silk buyers in Yokohama, full particulars of which you have lately seen in the public prints. None in connection with this fraud, I have to state that the whole system of making divisions of the kind, has received the closest attention of the Board and means have been taken which we trust will prevent the recurrence of a loss of such magnitude. Mr. Walker, previous to his departure to take charge of the Shanghai Branch, and also of Mr. Morris, his successor in Japan, that the accounts and securities are in order, but to make assurance

doubly assured, the Chief Manager will shortly report North and thoroughly inspect the Japan and Shanghai Branches. (Applause.) I may remind you that this is the first loss of the kind that has occurred in Japan, where the Bank has been established for a period extending over 18 years and that it is greatly due to the energy and ability of Mr. Walker, that the Bank's business during the past few years has been of a most profitable nature. We feel convinced that this will be a lesson not only to him but to all the officers of the Bank to be on their guard against similar misfortune, for an event of the kind occurring not infrequently leads to a certain amount of distrust in the minds of shareholders, who are apt to imagine similar irregularities may exist. I have pleasure in stating that Mr. Walker retains the confidence of the Board. (Hear hear and Applause.) I would now refer you to the figures in the report. You will observe our investments in Government securities have increased during the year from 19 to 252 lakhs, and the Bank has been permanently held in London, and it is the intention of the Board further to invest the Reserve in Government securities as opportunities offer and so strengthen the position of the Bank in the eyes of the community and world.

But, gentlemen, I have to state that in pursuance of the policy sketched out by my predecessor in the chair policy, which was then endorsed by the shareholders, we propose writing off the sum of \$50,000 from building account. I may remark the property held by the Bank in premises and dead stock is a good asset. Instantly received on new shares in the report stands at \$2,074,744.25, since then a considerable amount has been received and there remains only a small sum left to come in. We have accordingly to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, with a capital fully paid up of \$7,500,000 and a reserve of over \$4,200,000. A strong position this and one that shareholders may well be proud of. (Applause.)

Reserve for equalization of dividends stands at 2 lakhs and we propose adding another lakhs and although we trust this sum will never require to be pulled at, still the vicissitudes of banking, like all other trades, are great, and we wish to make you as secure as possible of receiving regular dividends. Marine Insurance account stands at \$19,386,687, from which a deduction will have to be made in consequence of the loss of the *Mess Yuen*, in which the Bank has a shipment of treasure.

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holders on their contributions and to add to the Reserve Fund \$24,000. You will perceive that the addition to the Reserve Fund is not so large as in the previous year, and this is owing to the fact that as regards the contributions of shareholders during the year 1882, we had to pay for the whole year, whereas in 1881 we had only to pay for little more than half a year. In addition to that the losses in 1882 were somewhat larger than in 1881, by about \$23,000. I think, however, you will agree with me that the year has terminated successfully. The amount of premium we have collected during the last year amounts to \$267,979 amounting to \$243,714 for 1882, showing an increase of \$23,905; and the surplus, so far as we can at present say, amounts to \$283,444, less claims which we made in the year, to the extent of \$28,000, for losses incurred up to that date. Since then, however, I regret to say, we have received telegraphic accounts of a fire which has taken place at Yokohama involving a loss covered by the Company's policies of \$25,000. We don't know how much salvage, if any, there will be, under these policies. With regard to the securities held by the Company the annual certificates have been rendered by the auditors, and I am pleased to inform shareholders that so far as the General Agents and the Consulting Committee can acquaint themselves with the value of these securities, there is an ample margin for the Company's investments. I have been recently elected to be a member of the mortgage given by Kwok Yin Kai on a portion of a property to the westward, on which we had last year to write off a certain sum for depreciation, we have reason to believe that we shall be able to sell it at a profit, and I am pleased to say which will give back the greater portion of the sum written off the Reserve Fund. I have now further remarks to make with regard to the business of the Company, and will be happy to answer any questions put at 2 o'clock and we propose adding another lakhs and although we trust this sum will never require to be pulled at, still the vicissitudes of banking, like all other trades, are great, and we wish to make you as secure as possible of receiving regular dividends. Marine Insurance account stands at \$19,386,687, from which a deduction will have to be made in consequence of the loss of the *Mess Yuen*, in which the Bank has a shipment of treasure.

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